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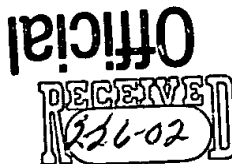
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (Paper No. 4)

This is in response to the office action of September 27, 2001.

Remarks

Claims 1, 6, 13, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 28 are the independent claims of this application.

The Examiner rejected independent claims 1, 18 and 24 as anticipated in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,220,629 to Kosaka et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. MPEP §2131.